

**General Education Council**  
**Minutes**  
**January 28, 2013**  
**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**PAC 493**

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**Present:**

Steve Schnebly  
Donna Bussell  
John Martin  
Tung Nguyen  
Peter Shapinsky  
Harshavardhan Bapat  
Dorothy Hemmo  
Karen Moranski  
Richard Gilman-Opalsky

**Absent:**

Samia Ahmad  
Patricia Byrnes

I. Announcements

The Council reviewed the new electronic UIS New Course Approval and Existing Change Form. There were several suggestions.

- a. Make the instructions accessible and a way to save it.
- b. Add to instructions if Yes to ECCE or Gen Ed then go to a hyperlink for checklist.
- c. Re-write Checklist
- d. Move forms to Academic Planning website with a link to Gen Ed.

II. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2012

Richard Gilman-Opalsky motioned to accept the minutes, John Martin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 6-0 with 1 abstention.

III. John Martin raised a question regarding the Dean's representative to GECO now that Pinky Wassenberg is no longer Dean.

**ACTION: Steve Schnebly will look into it and bring the answer back to the next meeting.**

IV. Student Petition

A student is petitioning the Council to approve PHI 210, World Religions taken at Lincoln Land Community College to be applied to his UIS Comparative Societies-Humanities credit.

After discussing the criteria for Comparative Societies-Humanities, it was decided to approve this course and other requests for Comparative Societies courses on a case by case basis. This is because we rarely get transfer requests of this nature and since Comparative Societies is a UIS owned criteria we cannot blanket approve all transfer courses.

**ACTION: PHI 210 from Lincoln Land to count as a Comparative Societies-Humanities requirement was unanimously approved 7-0. Review future petitions on a case by case basis.**

V. Courses for Approval

A. HIS 204: U.S. History to 1877

(The History Department would like to break the current HIS 203: U.S. History into two courses; the current HIS 203 to become HIS 205. The new course is to be HIS 204. HIS 203 was already both Social and Behavioral Sciences or Humanities. They would like them both the same.)

There was much discussion of why the History Department is splitting this course and how students are to know which course to take. One semester is History to 1877 and the second is History since 1877.

Since this is an existing course made into a new half, the learning objectives were not needed to discuss in detail. The course criteria for both Social and Behavioral Science and Humanities were reviewed and agreed upon.

Final comments: for the sake of updating files, Karen Moranski would like History to submit both HIS 204 & 205 for our files.

**ACTION:** Deb Ply is to ask Holly Kent for the syllabus for HIS 205. Karen and Steve will look it over but no need to bring to Council.

It was voted unanimously 7-0 to approve HIS 204 as Social and Behavioral Science and Humanities although students may only choose this course as either/or; not for both requirements.

Karen Moranski will suggest that the Advisors meet with the History Department so they know how to advise which semester to register for.

B. HIS 424: ECCE: Ancient Sport & Spectacle – Global Awareness

At the last meeting, this course was pre-approved providing the Instructor send comments to GEC regarding the cultural boundaries of the students.

**ACTION:** Approved as Global Awareness. The Instructor sent back the proper comments they were looking for.

C. PSC 334: ECCE: Sexuality, Law, and Politics – U.S. Communities

A suggestion was made to add a note to the syllabus about how students would be doing research. There are a lot of legal cases students could research on their own rather than those that have been provided them.

This is a model U.S. Communities course. It could possibly be used on the Gen Ed website as an example. We could also pull other U.S. Communities courses that have had a debate about community as well as those that are an example of how a syllabus should be written to be posted on the website.

There could be a possible cross list in order to prevent overlapping and under enrollment of other LGBT courses such as WGS 333, POS 333 and SOA 333.

**ACTION:** PSC 334 was approved unanimously 7-0 as a U.S. Communities course.

**Steve will ask for more information on how papers will show research.**

Meeting ended at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ply